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1. SUMMARY. MADAGASCAR GOVERNORS AND DEPUTY GOVERNORS TO IMF
AND
IBRD NOT AVAILABLE. WASHINGTON MAY BE ABLE TO APPROACH
MADAGASCAR'S IMF GOVERNOR LEON RAJAOBELINA, GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL
BANK, WHO IS CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON BUT EXPECTED TO DEPART FOR
PARIS MARCH 24 OR 25. END SUMMARY.

2. MADAGASCAR CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR LEON RAJAOBELINA IS
MADAGASCAR'S GOVERNOR FOR THE IMF. HE LEFT MADAGASCAR
SEVERAL WEEKS AGO FOR PARIS AND WASHINGTON AND WE UNDERSTAND
THAT HE PLANS TO LEAVE WASHINGTON MARCH 24 OR 25. PERHAPS
STATE OR TREASURY OFFICIALS CAN ATTEMPT TO REACH HIM AT
IBRD OR IMF TO PURSUE POINTS IN REFTELS.

3. MADAGASCAR'S IBRD GOVERNOR IS FINANCE AND PLAN MINISTER
RAKOTOVAO-RAZAKABOANA WITH WHOM WE NOT ABLE TO HAVE
APPOINTMENT
ON SHORT NOTICE.

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4. DESPITE REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR
ECONOFF WITH TWO DEPUTY GOVERNORS, THEIR OFFICES HAVE NOT BEEN
ABLE TO DO SO. MADAGASCAR GOVERNMENT BEGINS FIVE DAY HOLIDAY
WEEKEND MARCH 25 AND ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CLOSED THROUGH

MARCH

29. THEREFORE, LAST CHANCE TO ATTEMPT ASCERTAIN GOVERNMENT'S
VIEWS THIS ISSUE WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON AS CONTIMPLATED
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